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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, page 1, between the title/inventor and "Technical Field", the following paragraph was inserted:

-- This application is a 371 of PCT/JP2005/010888, filed June 14, 2005. --.

The abstract was deleted and replaced by the following:

-- A drive device includes a recording/reproducing unit and a drive control unit. The drive control unit compares the physical address corresponding to the logical address contained in the recording instruction to the next recording-enabled address. When the physical address corresponding to the logical address contained in the recording instruction is smaller than the next recording-enabled address, the drive control unit controls the recording/reproducing unit to record data at a particular position in the user data area which is other than the position indicated by the physical address corresponding to the logical address contained in the recording instruction. When the physical address corresponding to the logical address contained in the recording instruction is identical to the next recording-enabled address, the drive control unit controls the recording/reproducing unit to record data at a position indicated by the physical address corresponding to the logical address contained in the recording instruction. --.

The abstract was rewritten because the original abstract was too long.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Huber whose telephone number is 571-272-7588. The examiner can normally be reached on IFP-Patent Hoteling Program.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Thi Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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